



UNIT

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Model #: STC-U840IR

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Your Stealth Cam scouting camera is covered by a One Year Limited Warranty on parts and labor from the date of original purchase, and purchases must be made through an authorized dealer. The warranty covers defects in workmanship and materials. The warranty does not apply to units, which have been damaged or abused intentionally or unintentionally. A purchase from individuals or unauthorized internet sites such as eBay voids the warranty.

Tampering with or altering the unit will void the warranty. Any unauthorized service will void warranty. A copy of your original sales receipt must be produced for any warranty service and a Return Authorization (RA) number must be obtained from customer service at 877-269-8490 prior to returning product.

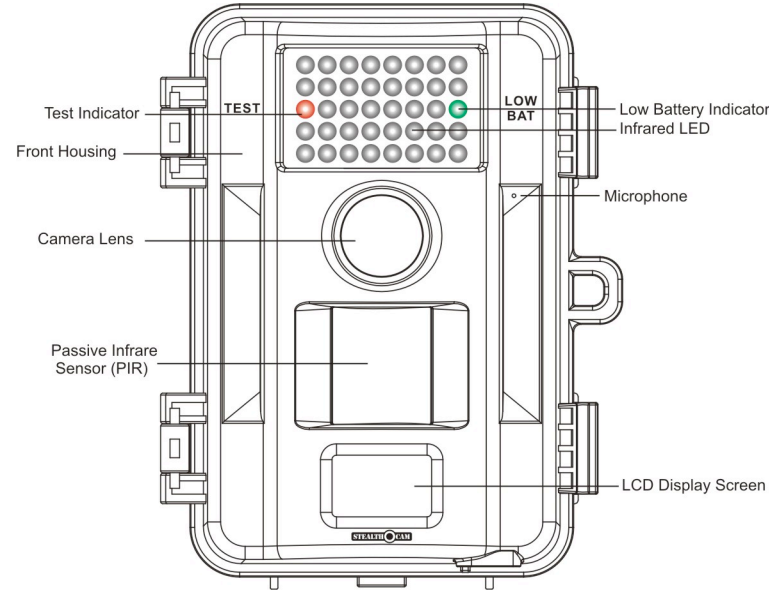
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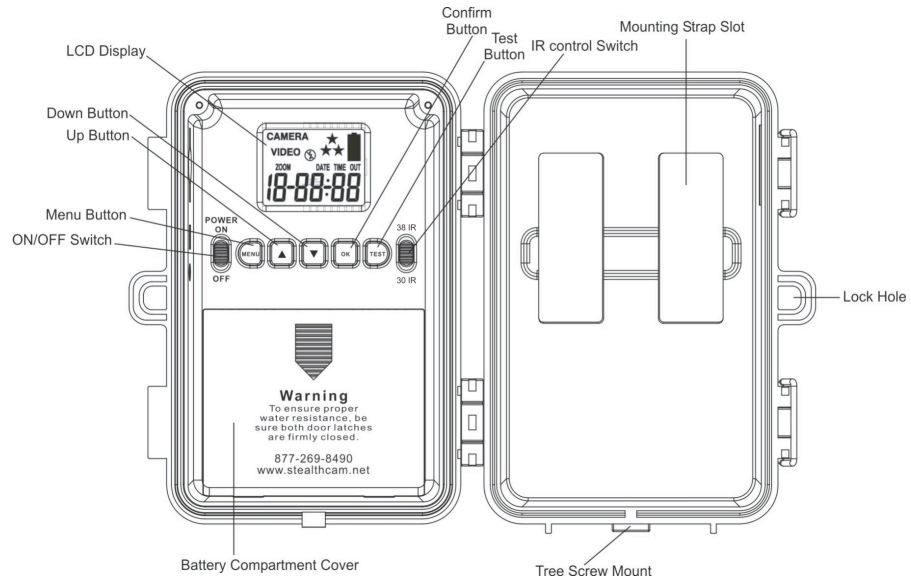
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CAMERA OVERVIEW

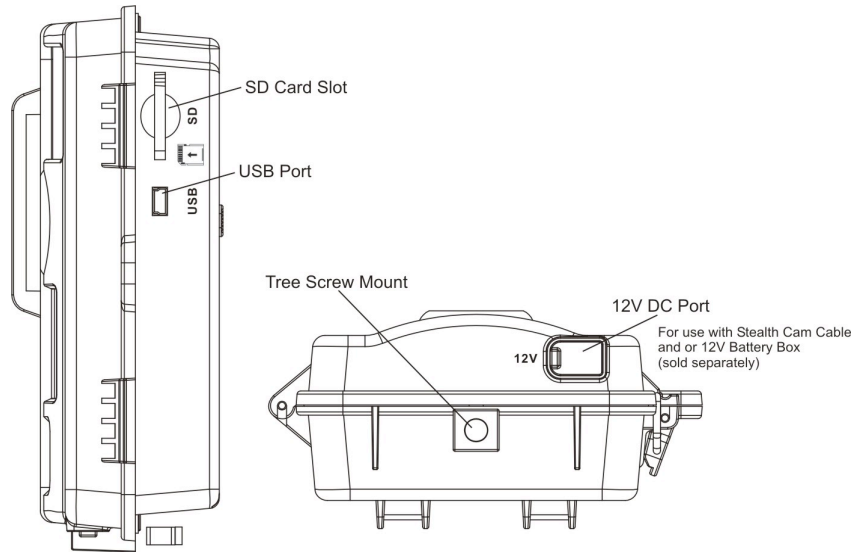
Front



Inside



Side & Bottom view



CAMERA KIT CONTENT

- Model STC-U840IR Digital Scouting Camera
- User manual
- USB cable
- Strap

GENERAL INFORMATION

Storing conditions

- Operating Environment: 14 to 104 deg F (-10 to 40 deg C). 20-85% relative humidity, non-condensing.

Special care instructions!!

- The camera is designed to be weather resistant. Never attempt to immerse the unit in water or any other liquid. This will damage the unit and void the warranty.
- Use a soft lens cloth for cleaning lens. Avoid touching lens with fingers.
- Remove dirt or stains with a soft cloth dampened with water or neutral detergent. Keep your camera in a dry and cool dust-free environment or container when it is NOT used.
- Take the batteries out, when camera is NOT to be used over an extended period of time.
- Avoid dropping your camera on to a hard surface.
- Do not disassemble your camera.
- Do not mix new and old batteries.
- Do not open the camera for unauthorized service. This could cause serious damage to the unit and WILL void the warranty.

NOTE: This camera is a precision electronic device. Do not attempt to service this camera yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage points or other risks.

QUICK START GUIDE

This guide is designed to get you up and running in a matter of moments. To get the most out of this advanced scouting tools, please read the manual thoroughly before operating the camera. If you would like to modify any of the factory Default Settings, except for the Time & Date, please see manual for instructions.

FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS:

Time Out: *1 Minute*

Video Mode: *10 Seconds*

Resolution: *Still Image (1.3Mp) / Video (VGA)*

Burst Mode: *1 Still Image*

Camera Set-up:

1. Install 8 "AA" cell batteries in correct polarity (+/-) as indicated in battery compartment.
2. Insert SD card into the camera.
3. Turn power on to adjust Time and Date.

Set Time & Date:

1. Switch the camera to the **ON** position.
2. Press the **[MENU]** button to enter menu settings screen.
3. Press the **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to scroll through different setting modes until the word TIME blinking.
4. Press the **[OK]** button to choose the Time settings.
5. Press the **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to adjust the Minute setting and press **[OK]** to confirm and move to the Hour setting.
6. Repeat to set Hour and then press **[OK]** to confirm and move to Date.
7. Adjust the Date, Month, and Year by using **[UP]** or **[DN]** button. Each time you finish an adjustment you must press the **[OK]** button to confirm and move to the next field for adjustment.
8. Once done, the word - **dEL** – will be blinking.
9. Press the **[MENU]** button to exit and start using.

BATTERY AND MEMORY INSTALLATION

WARNING: Do not use different Voltage lead acid battery other than the one specified in this section. Doing so will damage the camera and will void the warranty.

WARNING: ALWAYS have the camera in the *OFF* position when installing or removing batteries and memory card. Removing batteries or memory card while the camera is ON may damage the camera.

Your Stealth Cam Advanced Digital Scouting Camera is designed to operate using two different types of battery power options.

Batteries “AA” cell

The internal battery compartment accepts 8 “AA” cell batteries. Be sure to use high quality brand name alkaline batteries. Install batteries with correct polarity (+/-) as noted inside the battery compartment.

12V Lead Acid external battery

The camera is equipped with an external power jack designed to accept a barrel plug cable attached to a sealed lead acid battery. (Sold separately). Battery cable and complete 12V Lead Acid battery kits are available wherever Stealth Cam scouting cameras are sold or call toll free 877-269-8490. Only Stealth Cam external battery accessories are recommended.

- Make sure camera is in the *OFF* position.

- Insert the external battery barrel plug into the DC 12V jack on the bottom of camera housing.
- Turn the camera power on.

NOTE: Please make sure the voltage and polarity (+/-) are correct before connection. Incorrect voltage or polarity (+/-) will damage the camera. When both internal and external batteries are connected, the camera will draw power from the higher voltage source first.

Memory Options

The camera is also equipped with an expandable media card slot capable of accepting up to 16GB SD card (sold separately). The front counter display will show the number of images stored on the SD card. If no SD card is inserted the front counter display will show "NOSd".

WARNING: The above camera will not accept any High Speed memory cards. Common verbiage that will indicate High Speed includes but is not limited to: Extreme, Ultra, Optima, Micro, Platinum, Store and Shoot.

Inserting SD memory card

NOTE: Make sure camera is in the OFF position whenever adding or removing memory.

- Insert SD memory card in to the SD card slot completely and in the correct direction as shown by the sticker located at the side of the housing.
- To remove the SD memory card, depress the SD card and pull out the card gently.
- SD cards must be clean (no images from other sources). If you are using the SD card from other cameras, please make sure to format the SD card in your computer prior to use in your camera. New cards are good to use straight from the package.

FORMAT – Definition: When you format a SD memory card, the operating system erases all information and files on the card. Then it creates an internal address tables that it later uses to locate information and files. Formatting also removes all Hidden System files as well. Basically it cleans your SD memory card just like if it was brand new. Please make sure to follow the guidelines listed below:

SD Card size: 2Gb or below, format using File System type **"FAT"**.

SD Card size: 4GB or above, format using File System type **"FAT32"**.

Do not use File System type **"NTFS"** or **"exFAT"**, these formats are not supported.

SETUP AND PROGRAMMING

When the camera is first turned on, the internal LCD screen displays the camera status. The following information is present on this screen.



If no buttons are pressed after 30 seconds the LCD screen will power down to conserve battery life and enter 1 minute count down to enter PIR detection mode. To re-power the display screen, press and hold the UP or DOWN button until you see the status screen.

Definition

- **Day and Time:** Displays the date and time that you have set.
- **Capturing Sequence mode:**
 - **1P - 9P:** 1 to 9 burst mode image capturing per PIR trigger.
 - **Video:** 10 to 180 seconds' adjustable video per PIR trigger.
- **Resolution for Images:** Color Daytime / Black & White Nighttime
 - **3 Stars (8Mp):** Select this option to capture an 8.0M pixels image. (High image quality) ★
★
★
 - **2 Stars (3Mp):** Select this option to capture a 3.0M pixels image. (Low image quality) ★
★

- **1 Star (1.3Mp):** Select this option to capture a 1.3M pixels image. (Base image quality) (Default) ★
- **Resolution for Video:** Color Daytime / Black & White Nighttime
 - **VGA:** 640x480 *ONLY resolution*
- **Time out:** To set the amount of time in minutes the camera will sleep between PIR triggering.
- **Moon phase:** Displays the moon phases.
- **Zoom:** Digital enhancement to different zoom level.
 - 1X: Normal – the word “ZOOM” will not display.
 - 2X: Two times zoom – the word “ZOOM” will display.
 - 4X: Four times zoom – The word “ZOOM” will blink.
- **Battery Status:** Shows the battery status.
 - **Full:** The battery is full. 
 - **Low:** The battery is low. (Front Low Battery indicator will also blink.) 

NOTE: When the camera detects low batteries, the camera unit will power off within 30 seconds automatically. Please replace with new batteries; otherwise the camera may not work properly.

Programming the Stealth Cam

Switch the camera to the ON position. LCD screen will display the camera status screen. Press the MENU button within 30 seconds to enter programming mode. If MENU button is not pressed within 30 seconds, camera will automatically enter PIR detection mode.

NOTE: At the end of each program set up selection, you may press the MENU button to exit and return to camera status ready screen.

Setting the Still image Resolution:

Your Stealth Cam can be programmed to 3 different resolutions, High (3 Stars-8Mp), Low (2 Stars-3Mp), Base (1 Star-1.3Mp).

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button once within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- The word **CAMERA** and the **STARS** will be blinking.
- Press the **[OK]** button ONCE to choose the selection.
- Press the **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to select the desired resolution.
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection.
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit.

Setting the Capturing Sequence:

Your Stealth Cam can be programmed to shoot 1-9 pictures per triggering.

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button once within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- Press the **[UP]** button ONE time to enter the Capturing Sequence setting mode.
- The word **CAMERA** will be blinking.
- Press **[OK]** button and the current number of burst mode images will blink.
- Press the **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to select the desired burst mode setting or number of pictures per triggering.
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection.
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit.

Setting the Video Mode:

Your Stealth Cam can be programmed to record 10-180 seconds of video per triggering.

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button once within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- Press **[UP]** button TWO times to enter Video setting mode.
- The word **VIDEO** will be blinking.
- Press **[OK]** button and the video length in seconds will be blinking.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to select the desired video length from 10 to 180 seconds in 5 second increments.
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection.
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit.

Set the Digital Zoom:

Your Stealth Cam can be programmed to have 3 different zoom levels.

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button once within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- Press **[UP]** button THREE times to enter Zoom setting mode.
- The word **ZOOM** will be blinking.
- Press **[OK]** button and the zoom level number will now blink.
- Press the **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to select the desired zoom level setting 1 (1X Normal) / 2 (2X Zoom) / 4 (4X Zoom).
- Press **[OK]** to confirm your selection
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit.

NOTE: The use of the digital zoom feature may degrade image & video quality, as this tells the camera to focus on a specific are of the image and increase its size. This will cause dithering of the image.

Setting the Time Out Mode:

Your Stealth Cam can be programmed to set the amount of time in minutes the camera will sleep between PIR triggers.

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button once within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- Press **[UP]** button FOUR times to enter Time Out setting mode.
- The word **TIME OUT** will be blinking.
- Press **[OK]** button and the time out time will now blink.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to increase or decrease the time value in minutes from 1 to 59 minutes in 1 minute increments.
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection.
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit.

Setting the IR emitter selection:

This camera is equipped with an IR selection toggle switch. Make sure camera is in the OFF position before making any changes.

- (A) 38 IR – Full illumination. Ideal for subject matter beyond 20ft.
- (B) 30 IR – Reduced illumination. Good for use when subject is 20ft or closer.

Setting the Time and Date:

Your Stealth Cam uses the 24hr military time format.

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- Press **[DOWN]** button TWO times to enter Time and Date mode.
- The word **TIME** will be blinking.
- Press **[OK]** to enter Minute setting first.
- The **MINUTE** digits will be blinking.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** to increase or decrease the minute value (00 – 59).
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection and enter Hour setting.
- The **HOUR** digits will be blinking.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** to increase or decrease the hour value (00 – 23).
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection and enter Year setting.

- The **DAY** digits will be blinking.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** to increase or decrease the year value.
(01 - 31).
- Press **[OK]** to save your selection and enter Month setting.
- The **MONTH** digits will be blinking.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** to increase or decrease the month value.
(01 - 12).
- Press **[OK]** to confirm the month setting and enter Date setting.
- The **YEAR** digits will be blinking.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** to increase or decrease the date value.
(00 - 99).
- Once this is all done, press **[OK]**.
- You'll then see the word - **dEL** - blinking.
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit the program setting and back to the status screen.

USING THE CAMERA

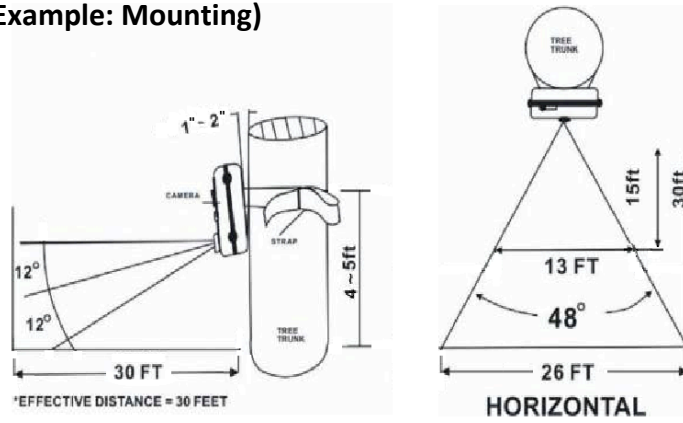
Once all program settings have been setup properly, your Stealth Cam is ready for field use.

Getting started

Listed below are some helpful pointers on how to use your camera to get the best results.

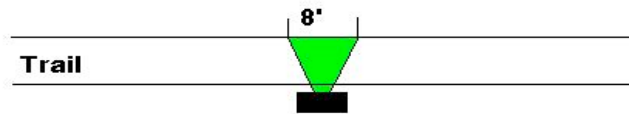
- Mount the camera about 4-5 feet high with the camera pointed at a slight downward angle.
- Mount the camera facing north or south **NOT** east or west due to the rising and setting of the sun could produce false triggers and overexposed images.
- If you're covering a trail, face the camera down or up the trail. Most commercial cameras take 1-3 seconds to sense motion/heat and take a picture.
- Clear out any brush or weeds in front of camera. This will cause false pictures caused wind or high temperature days.
- Double check battery before turning on the camera for use.
- Make sure to insert the memory card after setting up the game camera.
- Make sure to turn the camera ON (or take out of Test Mode) before you leave.
- Verify time and date is correct.

(Example: Mounting)

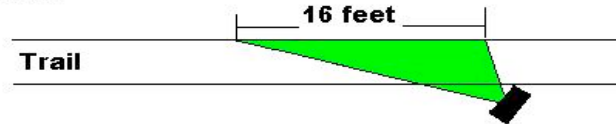


(Example: Trail Setup)

Incorrect



Correct



Using the camera in PIR detection mode

- Mount the camera to the tree or other sturdy object using either a tree screw (optional accessory) or supplied mounting strap.
- Open the front housing and move the switch to the *ON* position. At this point, you have 30 seconds to start making any program changes.

To Capture *Videos*, make sure display reads VIDEO:

- If display does **not** read VIDEO then,
 - Press the **[MENU]** button once.
 - The word **CAMERA** will blink.
 - Press the **[UP]** button TWO times to toggle to Video mode.
 - Press the **[OK]** button TWO times.
 - Press the **[MENU]** button once to exit.

To Capture *Images*, make sure display reads CAMERA:

- If display does **not** read CAMERA then,
 - Press the **[MENU]** button once.
 - The word **CAMERA** will blink.
 - Press the **[UP]** button ONE time to toggle to Camera mode.
 - Press the **[OK]** button TWO times.
 - Press the **[MENU]** button once to exit.

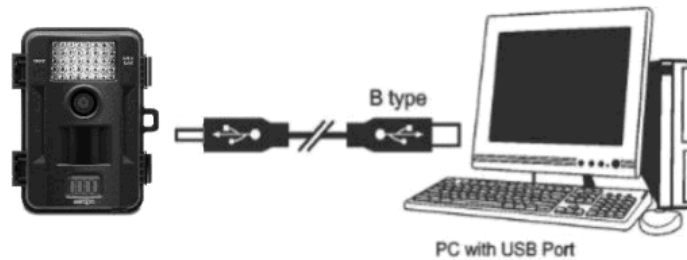
- 30 seconds after you've made your adjustments, the camera's green LED light will begin blinking and enter count down mode. This is your indication to leave the coverage area within one minute.
- After one minute, the camera will enter either image burst mode or adjustable video mode based on your program setting. The camera will then time out between 1-59 minutes, depending on your program setting.

NOTE: The time between motion detection and the camera taking the pictures may vary due to lighting conditions, program settings, and battery power level. The IR Emitter will only activate in low light conditions.

VIEWING AND DELETING FILES

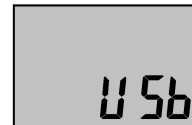
Viewing Images & Videos

Your Stealth Cam Digital Scouting Camera is a plug and play USB storage device for users of Windows 2000 / ME / XP / Vista / Windows 7 operating systems. This camera is not MAC compatible.



Viewing files on your computer via USB connection.

- Make sure the camera's power switch is in the *OFF* position.
- Plug the larger end of the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer.
- Plug the smaller end of USB cable into the camera's side panel.
- The camera will *automatically* power *ON* and display the word **USB** on the display screen.
- At the same time, your computer will recognize the camera as a Removable Storage device. You will find it under MY COMPUTER.



- At this point you have several options:
 - **To view your images or play your videos:** Click on the Removable Storage device and then drill down to the file you want to see and double click on the file name.
 - **To save your images and videos:** Highlight the file or files you want to save and drag them to your hard drive.
 - **To delete your images and videos:** Highlight the files or files you want to delete and press the **[DELETE]** button.
 - **To erase all files and reformat you SD memory card:** Right click on the Removable Storage device under My Computer and select **FORMAT** then click **START**. You will receive a Warning message press **[OK]**. Then **CLOSE** to exit.

NOTE: Make sure before you FORMAT you are certain it is the Removable Storage device for the camera.

- Once you're done, simply unplug the cable from both your computer and the camera. The camera will turn OFF automatically.

Deleting files in the field

- Switch the camera to the *ON* position.
 - LCD screen will display the camera status screen.
- Press the **[MENU]** button within 30 seconds to enter the programming mode.
- Press the **[DN]** button ONCE to enter the delete mode.
- You'll see the word - **dEL** - blinking.
- Press **[OK]** button to enter the DELETE & FORMAT menu.
- Press **[UP]** or **[DN]** button to select the desired function.
 - NO-dL (No Delete) - No images get deleted.
 - d-ONE (Delete One) - Only the last file will get deleted.
 - d-ALL (Delete ALL) - Deletes ALL images on the SD card.
 - Ft (Format) - Deletes all files and reformats the SD card.



- Press **[OK]** to confirm your selection.
- Press **[MENU]** button to exit the program setting and back to the status screen.

MEMORY COMPATIBILITY CHART

The following cards have been tested and approved for use with the STC-U840IR model.

Kingmax	2G
Sandisk	2G, 4G, 8G
Toshiba	2G
PNY	2G, 4G, 8G, 16G
Kingston	2G, 4G, 8G, 16G
First Champion	1G, 2G, 4G, 8G, 16G
Digilux	1G, 2G
Lexar	4G, 8G, 16G
DANE-ELEC	4G, 8G, 16G

NOTE: Proper camera operation cannot be guaranteed when using memory cards NOT listed above.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

System Requirements and Compatibility

- Windows Me/2000/XP/Vista/Windows 7
- Pentium 4, 2GHz or above
- 1GB RAM (2GB recommended)
- 32 bits color, Resolution 800x600 or above w/ 256MB
- 2GB free hard disc space
- An available USB 1.1 port (USB 2.0 recommended)
- Direct X 9.0 or above – Should come with your operating system already.
- Optional: Windows compatible sound card and speaker.

NOTE: If you have any questions regarding your PC specifications please contact your PC manufacturer.

Camera Features and Specification

- High precision multi-layer glass lens with coating.
- Built in 1.85" B&W LCD display.
- External memory support: SD memory card up to 16GB.
- Resolution Options: 8.0M, 3.0M, 1.3M.
- Capturing Options: 1 - 9 image burst mode or video recording with audio.
- Image format: Standard JPEG
- Auto white balance and auto expose.
- Auto IR emitter light control.
 - Effective Range for Still picture (up to 50 ft).
 - Effective Range for Video clip (up to 50 ft).
- Real time clock for date and time stamping.
- 4 digits LCD Image counter.
- Low Battery LED indicator.
- Green TEST LED indicator.
- Focusing: 5 ft to infinity.
- Effective viewing angle: 50 degrees
- PIR detection angle: 48 degrees
- Interface type: USB 1.1
- Power: AA size alkaline or lithium Batteries x 8
- External power: 12 volts battery pack

IMAGE CAPACITY CHART

SD card	High Color	High B&W	Low Color	Low B&W	Base Color	Base B&W	AVI Color	AVI B&W
Based on File size of	5MB	3MB	2.0MB	1MB	1MB	0.5MB	70MB (30sec.)	30MB (30sec.)
1GB	204	340	512	1024	1024	2048	14	34
2GB	408	680	1024	2048	2048	4096	28	68
4GB	816	1360	2048	4096	4096	8192	56	136
8GB	1632	2720	4096	8192	8192	16384	112	272
16GB	3264	5440	8192	16384	16384	32768	224	544

**Subject to card compatibility under different brands.

NOTE: Image Capacity Chart provides approximate number of images or AVI movies based on resolution settings and the size of the memory card. These figures may vary depending on the amount of detail in the image.

When the SD card is **NOT FULL**, but camera's front counter already reaches 9999, the camera will create a new folder to save the next data. Camera's front counter will reset to 0000. On the other hand, when SD card is full, camera's counter will then change the display to read "**FULL**". Images and Videos under each folder will be named from 0001 up to 9999.

SD Card Capacity and Compatibility

Due to the rapidly changing memory card market please consult www.stealthcam.net for the most up to date information regarding memory cards.

MOON PHASE SYMBOL CHART

Symbol	Lunation from to		Actual phase				
	1	5					
	6	10					
	11	14					
	15	16					
	17	20					
	21	25					
	26	29 or 30					

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: *What does it mean when I have all 8's on my LCD screen?*

A: *This usually refers to an incompatible memory card or memory card damaged. Make sure your card has been properly formatted.*

Q: *Is the infrared flash invisible?*

A: *The infrared flash will give off a low glow red light it is not invisible.*

Q: *Is my game camera Mac compatible?*

A: *This camera model is not compatible with Mac computers.*

Q: *Can I use rechargeable batteries in the camera?*

A: *Rechargeable batteries are fine for the unit, regular alkaline batteries designed for digital electronics are recommended for best performance.*

Q: *When I use a memory card can I view the pictures on my personal digital camera?*

A: *We do not recommend viewing memory card images taken in your game camera on any other digital camera, you may experience compatibility issues.*

Q: *Will I lose my images and setting when the batteries die?*

A: *The images are stored on your external SD memory card so your images will be intact only on your card. However you will need to reset your settings.*

Q: *What are my options if my camera is past it warranty?*

A: *We have an out of warranty program in which you may purchase a refurbished/reconditioned replacement unit for 50% or more off (based on retail price of unit) discount exchange of your old unit.*

Q: *Can I use my game camera through a window or glass door?*

A: *Glass may disrupt your sensor beam we don't advise using the camera in this fashion.*

Q: *Do I need to recharge my 12V Battery Kit during the seasons it's not in use?*

A: *The 12V Battery Kit should be recharge at least every 3 months, regardless if it is being used or not, in order to preserve the working condition of the battery inside the unit.*

NOTE: <i>For the latest updates and information please check our website regularly.</i>

WARNING: Modification not approved by the party responsible for compliance could void user's authority to operate.

FCC Compliance

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio or television receptions, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measure:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Product specifications are subject to change. Stealth Cam is not responsible for any photographic or typographical errors.

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